

# FY 2006 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS

## Mora FIELD OFFICE

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

### 1. Plants - 60 Potential Points

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	60		
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	50		
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	40		
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	30		
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	20		
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	10		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	0		
<b>Riparian:</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	60		
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	NA	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	60		
<b>1. Plants</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total:</b>

### 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 305 Potential Points

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.		Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
<b>Soil</b>				
Classic Gully, Sheet & Rill, Streambank		10		
Critical Area Planting - 342		10		
Grade Stabilization - 410		10		
Streambank and shoreline Protection - 580		10		
<b>Water Quantity</b>				
<b>Excessive Runoff, Ponding Sub Surface Water</b>				
Brush Management - Light - 314		20		
Brush Management - Medium - 314		40		
Brush Management - Heavy - 314		60		
<b>Water Quality</b>				
<b>Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity</b>				
Riparian forest Buffer - 392		10		
Tree and Shrub Establishment - 612		10		
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation - 650		10		
<b>Plants</b>				
<b>Adapted or Suited, Productivity, Health, Vigor, and Forage Quality</b>				
Prescribed Burning - 338		10		
Fence - 382		10		
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment - 548		5		
Range Planting - 550		5		
Animal Trails - 575		5		

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Animals			
Domestic and Wildlife Cover/Shelter and Inadquate Food/Water			
Single Pasture <b>Plus</b> Water Development	30		
Two Pastures <b>Plus</b> Water Development	40		
Three Pastures <b>Plus</b> Water Development	50		
Practices Include 516, 533, 614, 642 - (5 Points Each)	5		
Pond 378, Spring Development 574 - (5 Points Each)	5		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

### 3. Other Considerations - 50 Potential Points

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	5		
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5		
E. An Extensive Grazing System Will Be Initiated (Rested >70% of the Time During Grazing Season)	30		
E. An Extensive Grazing System Will Be initiated (Rested 25% to 70% of the Time During Grazing Season)	20		
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Worksheet \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**\*A minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ total points is required to be considered for contract selection.**

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Designated Conservationist

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Date

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